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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing the Iowa online advanced placement academy
2 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative
3 and making an appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 263.8A, Code 2011, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **263.8A International center for talented and gifted education**
4 **— Iowa online advanced placement academy science, technology,**
5 **engineering, and mathematics initiative — standing limited**
6 **appropriation.**

7 1. a. The state board of regents shall establish and
8 maintain at Iowa City as an integral part of the state
9 university of Iowa the international center for talented and
10 gifted education. The international center shall provide
11 programs to assist classroom teachers to teach gifted and
12 talented students in regular classrooms, provide programs
13 to enhance the learning experiences of gifted and talented
14 students, serve as a center for national and international
15 symposiums and policy forums for enhancing the teaching of
16 gifted and talented students, and undertake other appropriate
17 activities to enhance the programs of the center, including,
18 but not limited to, coordinating and working with the world
19 council for gifted and talented children, incorporated.

20 b. An international center endowment fund is established
21 at the state university of Iowa and gifts and grants to the
22 international center and investment earnings and returns on
23 the endowment fund shall be deposited in the fund and may be
24 expended by the state university of Iowa for the purposes for
25 which the international center was established.

26 2. a. The Iowa online advanced placement academy science,
27 technology, engineering, and mathematics initiative is
28 established within the international center for talented and
29 gifted education at the state university of Iowa to deliver,
30 with an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and
31 mathematics coursework, preadvanced placement and advanced
32 placement courses to high school students throughout the state,
33 provide training opportunities for teachers to learn how to
34 teach advanced placement courses in Iowa's high schools, and
35 provide preparation for middle school students to ensure

1 success in high school.

2 b. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
3 to the state board of regents for each fiscal year the sum of
4 seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars for allocation to the
5 state university of Iowa for purposes of administering the
6 Iowa online advanced placement academy science, technology,
7 engineering, and mathematics initiative in accordance with this
8 subsection.

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EXPLANATION

10 This bill establishes within the international center
11 for talented and gifted education at the state university
12 of Iowa the Iowa online advanced placement academy STEM
13 initiative, the purpose of which is to deliver, with an
14 emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
15 coursework, preadvanced placement and advanced placement
16 courses to high school students throughout the state, provide
17 training opportunities for teachers to learn how to teach
18 advanced placement courses in Iowa's high schools, and provide
19 preparation for middle school students to ensure success in
20 high school.

21 The bill also establishes a standing limited appropriation
22 from the general fund of the state to the state board of
23 regents for each fiscal year the sum of \$750,000 for allocation
24 to the university of Iowa for purposes of administering the
25 Iowa online advanced placement academy STEM initiative.